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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In connection with the filing of the Continuing Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment. Please amend the above-identified application as follows prior to initial examination.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for the pending claims with the same numbers:

1. (Three Times Amended) A negative active material for a lithium secondary battery, comprising a heat-treated graphite carbon material having an intensity ratio I(110)/I(002) of an X-ray diffraction peak intensity I(002) at a (002) plane to an X-ray diffraction peak intensity I(110) at a (110) plane of less than 0.2, the negative active material prepared by

dissolving a coal tar pitch or a petroleum pitch in an organic solvent to remove organic-insoluble components therefrom and to obtain organic-soluble components;